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**PATENT**

Applicant: Ming-Chih Chang, ) Group Art No.: 2151  
et al. )  
Application No: 09/997,137 ) Examiner: Divecha, Kamal B.  
Filed: November 28, 2001 ) Re: **RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**  
For: "Centralized Network ) Our Ref: 619332-2/AS B-4394  
Storage System..." )  
Date: October 31, 2005

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the final Official Action mailed on August 3, 2005, a reply to which is initially due by November 3, 2005. Since this paper is filed in response to a Final Office Action, Applicants submit that this paper is a reply under 37 CFR 1.116 and requests expedited processing of this Response After Final rejection as described in MPEP 714.13. Please enter the following remarks with respect to the subject application. **All remarks and amendments herein are made without prejudice.**

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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